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In re Application of:

Eva Sevick-Muraca, et al.

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W. C. Jung

Title:

Imaging of Light Scattering Tissues with Fluorescent

Contrast Agents

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Dear Sir:

NOTICE OF APPEAL

In response to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2005, Applicants respectfully request the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences to reconsider the rejections of the claims.

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REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed October 19, 2005. Applicants respectfully request consideration and favorable action in this Application.

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decisions of the Examiner mailed October 19, 2005 finally rejecting Claims 1-34.

This application is filed on behalf of a large entity.

Attached herewith is a check made payable to the "Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks" in an amount of \$500.00 to satisfy the Notice of Appeal fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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